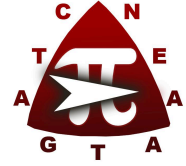




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BARGAINING UPDATE

May 22, 2024

NEGOTIATIONS CANCELED BY GUSD

What we know right now:

- The GUSD School Board held a closed-session Special Board of Education meeting the evening of Friday, May 17, 2024, with labor negotiations as the primary agenda item.
- The GUSD Chief Business Officer, Santha Rajiv, has resigned. Her last day was Friday, May 17, 2024.
- Deborah Deal, a school finance consultant who has been working with the District for the last month, has replaced Ms. Rajiv on the District's bargaining team.
- The District canceled today's negotiations at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 21, the evening before bargaining.
- The District's stated reason for canceling was, "Ms. Deal needs more time to be better prepared for bargaining."
- GTA has confirmed a new bargaining date of Wednesday, May 29 in addition to the previously scheduled session of June 3.

We are immensely frustrated to have a third bargaining session canceled by the District this school year despite the District's stated interest in reaching an agreement before summer. GTA has not canceled a bargaining session this entire bargaining cycle.

Our frustration is compounded by the impact this cancellation has on the students of bargaining team members. As educators and a union bargaining team, we regularly work after-hours, conduct emergency meetings with our board, and work hard to be prepared ahead of each and every negotiation session. All GTA educators know what it means to work under pressure. At a minimum, we expect the same respect from our employer.

Thank you for showing your solidarity today by wearing red. When we reach a fair agreement, it will be because of the unity and power of Glendale educators.

Next Bargaining Session May 29, 2024.

 GTA's Bargaining Team 

Sarah Morrison (Chairperson), Emily Rogers (Secretary), Lenore Piskel,
Angelina Thomas, Maggie Malone, Alice Petrossian, Alex Moore (CTA)